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SUBJ: ANTI-HIJACKING DEMARCHE

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1. EBERHARD NOELDEKE, GERMAN CHARGE, ON SEPTEMBER 6 MADE DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY SECRETARY, J.G. KITI, URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA TO JOIN THE COMMITMENT MADE BY THE SEVEN NATIONS IN BONN ON JULY 17.

2. KITI, WHO WAS ASSISTED BY A MEMBER OF THE LEGAL DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY, WANTED TO KNOW WHAT SANCTIONS THE SEVEN WOULD TAKE AGAINST KENYA IN THE HYPOTHETICAL CASE OF THE HIJACKING OF A RHODESIAN PLANE BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO KENYA, IF KENYA REFUSED TO EXTRADITE THE HIJACKER TO RHODESIA. NOELDEKE REPLIED THAT NO SANCTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN AS LONG AS KENYA RESTORED THE PLANE AND PUT THE HIJACKER ON TRIAL IN KENYA. ACCORDING TO NOELDEKE, THIS SEEMED TO SATISFY KITI.

3. KITI COMMENTED TO NOELDEKE THAT KENYA HAD VERY HARSH LAWS AGAINST HIJACKING. KITI POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE KENYA WAS GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF ANTI-HIJACKING MEASURES, LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF KENYA'S JOINING THE DECLARATION OF THE SEVEN
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WOULD FIRST HAVE TO BE STUDIED THOROUGHLY BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN. IN ADDITION, THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSULT ON THIS MATTER WITH OTHER STATES AT THE UNITED NATIONS BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION. KITI PROMISED THAT A REPLY TO THE DEMARCHE WOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN DUE TIME.
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